

**Amendments to the Specification:**

*Beginning on page 1, lines 10-25 of the specification and ending on page 2, lines 1-2 of the specification, delete the section marked with the heading "Cross Reference to Related Applications" and replace the deleted section with the following replacement section:*

This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Attorney Docket No. ADAPP168) 09/687,658, filed October 12, 2000, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMMON HARDWARE INTERFACE MODULES," the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

This application is also related to U.S. Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Attorney Docket No. ADAPP170) 09/690,120, filed October 12, 2000, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ADDRESS MAPPING," the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

This application is also related to U.S. Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Attorney Docket No. ADAPP171) 09/687,699, filed October 12, 2000, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DEVICE DISCOVERY," the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

This application is also related to U.S. Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Attorney Docket No. ADAPP172) 09/687,623, filed October 12, 2000, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A LAYER STRUCTURE DIRECTORY FOR COMMON HARDWARE INTERFACE MODULES," the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.